

# THE WHOLE BIBLE PROJECT RECAP & CONCLUSION

## OT 1. GETTING IT—Principles of Biblical Interpretation.

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### OT 2: CREATION— Genesis 1

OT 2,3,4 are Prologue. They tell the whole story in a nutshell. Creation, Mutiny, Consequences and Rescue.



Creation as God intended it. All things *very* good. GOD IS HOLY.

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### OT 3: SYMPHONY—All Good—Genesis 2



OT 3—Relationships as God meant them to be. Beautiful music.

Humanity capable of not sinning.

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### OT 4 DISINTEGRATION—THE FALL. GENESIS 3



What went wrong? Who's to blame? Man now not able not to sin. Genesis 3.21: Peek at God's Plan to fix it.

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### OT 5: GOD'S PROJECT RESET—GENESIS 12-22



GOD still works his Project; new strategy to rescue his world. Geography, People, Family. Blessed to be a BLESSING TO ALL THE WORLD, NOT JUST TO A PARTICULAR PEOPLE.

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### OT 6: VISION TO BLESSING— Genesis 12-50

The Goal is God's Project: To create a world where God's will is done,  
where all creatures live in joyous concert and  
all fellowship fully with their Creator.



God presents the long view. EXCEPTIONAL people required. Holy. Distinct. Not only "Blessed," But also capable of delivering BLESSING. BLESSING first is Grace First. Then Obedience. Even in Egypt Israel is kept apart from the Egyptians. **Distinct: Geographical, Cultural & Geneological.**

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## OT 7: PRESSED INTO COMMUNITY—Genesis 12-Exodus 24



God melds that family into a whole plan. Covenant Form exhibits GRACE. But character must be formed; therefore law. Law does not precede exodus but follows it. Israel is saved first and then commanded to obey. *Obedience is the sign of inclusion, not the price of admission.*

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## OT 8: ON THE ROAD—Exodus, Leviticus & Numbers



God uses the hardships of journey to forge his force for rescue. Crisis is God's school for teaching trust. Organization is required. Discipline is necessary.

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## OT 9: DESTINATION GUARANTEED—Exodus-Joshua 5



The law itself has many uses in creating a people ready to do God's will. *Justice is God's love applied equally to everyone.* God gives down payments on the future success of his plan. Mighty miracles authenticate God's presence and power to make his promises come true. Exodus through Red Sea and Entrance through Jordan. Many events in between.

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## OT 10: ENERGIZED FOR THE CALL—Leviticus



God clears away the past failures, sins, burdens so that his people can move forward with confidence and renewed integrity. He regenerates the bonds of wholeness through holiness destroyed by disintegration.

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## OT 11: BEACHHEAD--JOSHUA



Having been unburdened by Atonement, the people are circumcised to enter the Promised Land where they fail to fulfill God's plan to make it entirely holy.

God's Project calls for the land to be a means to the end of God's will being done on earth. But the people make the land the purpose. They achieve neither purpose.

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## OT 12: CONFEDERACY--JUDGES



Their failures constantly punish the people who hold only high ground. Their tribal divisions give them only spotty times of relief from oppression by the Canaanites whose practices they imitate. Upon occasion a “hero” arises to give leadership, but not as a nation. All do what is right in their own eyes.

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## OT 13 KINGDOM COMING – 1 SAM 1-13



People want leadership by a human king. The Monarchy of God is exchanged for a political Kingdom. Philistines control the coastal highway and thus the land.

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## OT 14: Kingdom Consolidated—1 Sam 10-1 Kings 11



The Kingdom of Israel reaches its highest point under David and Solomon. **It becomes the ideal and the Idol** of future generations. David is flawed and his family rots. Solomon starts well but is victim of his political ambition through marriages with foreign women. The Golden age lasts less than 100 years. God’s Project is all but forgotten.

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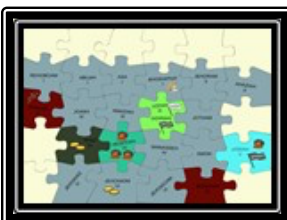
## OT 15: KINGDOM DISPERSED—1 Kings 12—2 Kings



Jeroboam rebels and Rehoboam enables the division into North and South. The Golden Calf returns and the North disintegrates into Assyrian destruction in 722 BC never to be found again.

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## OT 16: So. Kingdom Deported—1 Kings 12—2 Chronicles



Judah recalls occasionally the Lord’s leadership. From time to time a king honors God. But even here imperfectly and with much compromise. Not even prophets can persuade kings to trust God and so they make alliances with pagan leaders which bring their destruction. Babylon attacks Jerusalem at least 3 times and leads its “leaders” captive until Jerusalem is finally leveled and Judah wiped out in 586 BC.

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## OT 17: PROPHETS—Isaiah-> Micah



Prophets are forth-tellers of God's Word and occasionally foretellers of the consequences of failing to obey that word.

They arise with the coming of the Kings. At first they are speakers and then they are also writers. Samuel to Elisha they are not popular with kings. They are "messengers of the covenant" calling God's people back to God's Project.

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## OT 18: The EXILE—2 K 24.18-25.22, 2 CHR 36.11-21, Dan, Parts of Is., Jer., Ezek. and others



All that's left of Israel is Judah's people in exile. Daniel gives a picture of what some do there: Kosher, circumcision and ritual observance become more important. There is no more sacrificial system. Good works begin to be understood as having atonement power. A new order emerges: Synagogues, rabbis, scribes develop to keep the tradition alive.

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## OT 19: RESTORATION –Ezra & Nehemiah



Cyrus the Persian allows Judah to return to Jerusalem and its surrounding area. The people are now Jews. And they have what amounts to a new religion—Law, Synagogue, Rabbis, and various sub-sects of people emerge. Priests collaborate with the Imperial pagan rulers. But Ezra the scribe and Nehemiah the builder now lead. David's heirs disappear. Now "preservation of the past" is the goal, not God's Project.

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## OT 20: Between OT & NT Part 1 Maccabees



**Hanukah** gives heroic story of the Maccabean Revolt that leads to the second Jewish period of independence—the only period other than the time of Saul, David and Solomon when Israel was a united and independent nation.



# THE BIBLE PROJECT 2.04 NT LESSONS LIST

## NT 1 THE TIME BETWEEN TESTAMENTS, PART 2



*MENORAH—SIGN OF THE MACCABEES*

## NT 2 FULLNESS OF TIME



This lesson lists the factors that made the time of Jesus Christ the pivot of history. It's also the last minute of OT Israel's corporate life. Jerusalem is destroyed, temple burned AD 70.

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## NT 3: THE WORD BECAME FLESH—INCARNATION



The Bible clearly asserts that Jesus was both God and Man. Throughout history attempts have been made to suggest otherwise. Such efforts find no support in Scripture or Church History.

## NT 4—TRUE MAN AS GOD MADE MANKIND



The point of this lesson is to show the full humanity of Jesus. He is not God acting like a human. Jesus is the human kind that God made in the Garden before Adam and Eve demeaned their humanity. So Jesus is the "Second Adam."

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## NT 5—JESUS THE TEACHER



The main objective of this lesson is to do a survey of the principle teaching passages of the Gospels to display his primary subjects and authority. Jesus's main subject was himself.

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## NT 6 JESUS RENEWER OF GOD'S INTENTIONS



Jesus re-asserts God's original intention from the Old Testament. The Judaism of Jesus' time is not just a revision of OT faith. It's a reversal. It starts in the Exile. It has different leaders, institutions and emphases from the OT. It misunderstands the OT Covenant of Grace. Judaism emphasizes law-merit. Jesus comes to restore the covenant of Grace.

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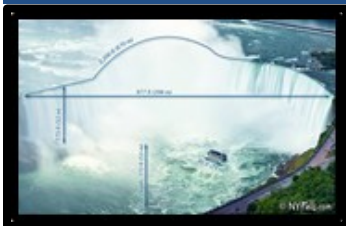
## NT 7 PART 1: JESUS, SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.



NT 7 is Part 1 of what the Bible means that Jesus is the Savior. It surveys the events, teaching and death of Jesus. This lesson is a table-setter for the theology of the saving work of Jesus.

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## NT 8 PART 2: JESUS, SAVIOR OF THE WORLD



**God's saving act in Christ is the ONE avenue of salvation open to man** -- Jesus as Savior deals directly with man's predicament. In what way is Jesus' work the means by which God offers salvation to the world?

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## NT 9 THE LAST SUPPER



Forget Leonardo's famous painting. The Last Supper is an amazing experience that we will attempt to partially re-create.

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## NT 10 THE RESURRECTION VALIDATES THE CROSS

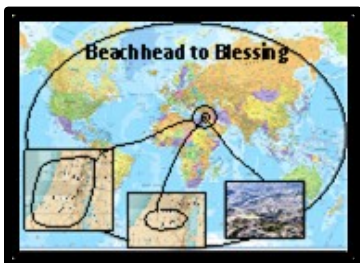
*[Jesus] was crucified for our sins and raised for our justification (Rom. 4.25)*



Like the Exodus from Egypt and the Crossing of the Jordan into Canaan, The Resurrection was the Conquest of Satan's control and the start of a new Kingdom.

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## NT 11 ACTS: BEACHHEAD TO BLESSING



**The Abraham Covenant still applies—Blessing to all nations (gentiles) and the means** is now faith in the life, death and resurrection power of Jesus Christ to be taken from Jerusalem to Judea, on to Samaria and the farthest points of the whole world. Not just to bless those who are already in Christ, but to transform everyone into his family.

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## NT 12 PUSH-BACK



**Who gets included is the key to blessing the whole world.** Judaism had devolved into believing Jews/Israel were the only ones. Now the church has to wrestle with that inverted understanding of God's Project. Jesus opened the door to everyone through faith in his complete and final atonement. Nothing more is needed or required than to trust that his death paid for sin and his resurrection offers that gift to anyone and everyone who receives it. It took some time for that to get through the early church.

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## NT 13 JUSTIFICATION--GRACE



God makes right those who turn to his provision. Everyone needs it. No one earns it. God provides the righteousness needed to enter his Kingdom. RIGHTEOUSNESS is his gift. Disintegration is in process of being reversed.

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## NT 14 FAITH is simply receiving what God offers as a gift.



**The gift is Christ's righteousness.** It is provided to anyone who trusts that what Jesus did in his life, death and resurrection was sufficient to provide everything necessary for our salvation and for entry into God's Kingdom.

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## NT 15 THESSALONIAN ISSUES



Possibly the first letter of Paul to a church. How to live a truly Christian life. Do not over emphasize the "Second Coming" of Christ. He will come for all who believe in him—both the dead and the living. Work is good. "Do not grow weary in well doing."

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## NT 16 Corinthian Difficulties & NT Exceptionalism 2 Cor 6.14-18



Response to questions. Unity in Christ—"the body of Christ."

Differentiation from the world. How to be faithful in a totally depraved environment.

Spiritual gifts, communion, resurrection all addressed.

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## NT 17 Ephesians: The Church, God's New Society





The church is to become the **exhibit of God's Project**—where God's will is done and symphony replaces chaos, and Fellowship with God is sweet and sustained. The Work of Christ is not just to “save” individuals. Christ died to save the WORLD, to create a people for himself, not just individual saints.

## NT 18 1 & 2 TIMOTHY, TITUS & 1 Peter

Emergence of church organization and the consequence of suffering for the faith.



True teaching and attention to organization enable the church to move toward its destiny.

## NT 19 Colossians, James, 2 Peter, 1&2 John, Jude FALSE TEACHING



**TRUE FAITH AND GODLY LIVING ARE INSEPARABLE.**

## NT 20 THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

The Return of the King



**Creation culminates in Christ's showing God's Rule.**

**REVELATION IS COMING**

**NEXT SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

**OCTOBER 11 & 14.**

If you would prepare, please read as much of the Book of Revelation as possible and review the elements of biblical interpretation as outlined in OT 1: GETTING IT.